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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT-ELECT FROM

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¶1. Below is the text of a congratulatory message to President-elect Obama from Umaru Musa Yar A'dua, President, Federal Republic of Nigeria. The original letter will be sent via diplomatic pouch.

¶2. Text of letter:

"Felicitation.

On this epic day in the political history of the United States of America, at this defining moment in the evolutionary history of the democratic world, the Government and people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria felicitate with you on your momentous victory at the Presidential election.

While wishing you and your team a successful transition, I look forward to even more robust bilateral relations between Nigeria and the United States of America, and more productive partnership between Africa and the United States of America in the quest for a more stable, secure, just, and equitable world.

Congratulations!

Yours most sincerely,
Umaru Musa Yar A'dua"
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